

# Charleston January Jam

## Rules & Format Reminders

### Schedule

Play on Saturday will be divided into AM and PM waves. Each team will play in one of the two waves on Saturday. **It is the team's responsibility to check and know all playing and officiating duties.** Schedules can be accessed on AES with a computer or smartphone. All teams will advance to playoffs on Sunday. On Sunday, teams who lose typically have to officiate the next match on their court. DO NOT leave the facility without verifying your responsibility.

### Formats

- All matches will be played best 2 out of 3 and score will start at zero.
  - Exception: Some 3-team pools on Saturday will play all 3 sets to 25 regardless of the winner of the first 2 sets. Please consult AES for formats.
- Matches during pool play will have a 2-point cap.
- Sunday's bracket play matches will NOT have a cap.
- Warmups will be 2-4-4

### Locations

- **Charleston Area Convention Center (CACC)– Cts #1-12**  
5000 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, SC 29418  
Parking charge: \$10/day
- **North Charleston Athletic Center (NCAC) – Cts #13-17**  
5794 Casper Padgett Way, North Charleston, SC 29406  
No parking charge
- **Apex Volleyball (Apex) – Cts #18-22**  
4115 Dorchester Rd Bldg 600, North Charleston, SC 29405  
No parking charge
- ***Admission/tickets are valid at all locations***
- ***Tournament apparel will ONLY be sold at the Convention Center***
- ***Athletic Trainers will be provided at all locations***

### General Rules & Penalties

- Teams who arrive after the scheduled match time or who fail to report for their playing duty will forfeit their first set of the match by a score of 0-25. If the team does not arrive within 10 minutes, the second set will be forfeited by a score of 0-25. The club will also be fined \$50 per incident. Officiating teams that are late or fail to report for their officiating duty will forfeit the first set of their next match by a score of 0-25. Playing and officiating teams are asked to report to their court approximately 30 minutes before scheduled match time in case the previous match ends early.
- All scoresheets must be correct and completed in full. A 5-point penalty can be charged to the working team on their next match for improper or incomplete scoresheets, at the discretion of the head official and/or tournament director.
- A rostered, certified adult is required to be at the score table when their team has work duty. Only the players working the match are to be seated at the table. NO phones, music players, or other electronic devices at the score table. Violation of this rule will result in a 5-point penalty to the working team for their next match.

- USA Volleyball rules require a rostered, certified adult to perform R2 duties for teams playing in the 14U and younger age groups.
- The Palmetto Region has a No Tolerance Policy on screaming, yelling, or making any derogatory remarks to ANY official (R1, R2, Scorer, or Line Judges). Keep in mind, they are human, and many times they are kids. Penalty is immediate dismissal from the playing site, no warning. Region teams may face sanction to participate in future tournaments. Coaches' improper behavior can lead to sanctions from the region for coach and/or team.

### Tie Breaking Procedures

- In the event of a two-way tie in pool play, placement will be determined by the teams' head-to-head results.
- In the event of a three-way tie, tiebreaker matches will NOT be played. Team finish will be determined by:
  1. Match record
  2. Set record
  3. Net points

### Rosters

Each team must bring at least 1 printed roster which shows USAV member numbers. You will be asked to present a roster to the official on your court prior to your first match. Rosters must be correct and only people shown on the roster can participate, including coaches and parents. Write-ins are not acceptable without written approval from PVA Commissioner Jimmy Peden. SportsEngine or AES rosters are acceptable, provided they include USAV membership numbers for all members.

### Athletic Trainer

An athletic trainer will be available at all locations throughout the tournament to provide pre-game taping and injury care. Ice will be available for post-game care and injury treatment. Players should arrive early if pre-game care is needed.

### Food & Seating

Food, tables, and coolers are NOT allowed in the facilities. Food tables are NOT allowed to be set up anywhere inside the gyms or lobbies. Players may bring in water bottles in their backpacks. Portable sport chairs are NOT allowed due to space limitations. Seating will be provided around each court. NEW this year – food trucks will be present at the convention center. Concessions will be available for sale at the athletic center. No concessions are available at Apex, so please plan accordingly.

### Tournament T-Shirts

Tournament t-shirts will be available for sale at the Imagination Athletics booth in the convention center all day Saturday and Sunday. They may sell out, we suggest purchasing early. No apparel will be sold at the other sites.

### Wristbands/Tickets

All rostered coaches and adults will receive a wristband for entry (limit of 5 per team). These may be picked up Friday night or Saturday prior to the start of your wave. Players do not need wristbands.

**Friday, January 2, 5-7pm – Convention Center only**  
**Saturday, January 3, 7-9am; 1:30-3:30pm – All sites**

Spectator tickets will be available for sale Friday night at the convention center between 5-7pm and all day Saturday and Sunday at both locations. Tickets are valid for all locations.